Representation from ex-servicemen demanding pensionery benefits

*419. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representative from ex-servicemen of less than 14 years of service, demanding pensionery benefits;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The demand is for grant of pension to those ex-servicemen who had put in less than 15 years service.

(c) As per the existing rules, minimum qualifying service for pension eligibility is 15 years for Personnel Below Officer Rank and 20 years for Commissioned Officers. No change in this condition is contemplated.

Rape cases with minors in Delhi

@*420. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rape cases with minor girls are on the increase in the country during these days;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof for the last three months;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more than sufficient time is taken by the court to punish the defaulters; and

(d) if so, the instructions to be issued for taking decision at the earliest in such cases and by when such instructions are expected to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) As per statistics compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the number of cases of rape of minors

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